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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF DEA AGENT TO RANGOON

REF: RANGOON 763

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF GUB SENSITIVITIES TO HAVING DEA PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO BURMA AND APPRECIATES THE BACKGROUND INFORMATION CONTAINED IN PARA 3 REFTEL CITING PREVIOUS OCCASIONS WHEN THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED WITH BURMESE AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING OFFERS OF DEA TRAINING AND RECENT REQUESTS FOR APPOINTMENTS. GUB ATTITUDES APPEAR MANIFESTLY CONSISTENT.

2. WHILE THERE MAY BE LITTLE HOPE OF CHANGING THE GUB'S NEGATIVE REACTION, AN OFFICIAL APPROACH TO THE GUB WOULD CLEAR THE AIR ON THIS MATTER AT LEAST FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE.

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3. ACCORDINGLY, DRAWING UPON THE GUIDELINES FOR DEA

ACTIVITIES OVERSEAS PROVIDED IN STATE 14796 (BEING REPEATED TO YOU SEPTTEL), YOU SHOULD RAISE WITH APPROPRIATE GUB AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING A DEA AGENT IN RANGOON. AS FOR THE SPECIFIC KINDS OF INFORMATION SUCH AN AGENT WOULD HOPE TO RECEIVE FROM THE GUB OR THE

AGENCIES WITH WHICH HE WOULD EXPECT TO MAINTAIN CONTACT (PARA 2 REFTTEL), DEA HEADQUARTERS ADVISES US THAT ITS REGIONAL DIRECTOR IN BANGKOK CAN MORE APPROPRIATELY ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS. (SEPARATE DEA INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT RD ADDARIO). HOWEVER, AS THE GUIDELINES SPECIFICALLY STATE, THE CHIEF OF MISSION WILL DETERMINE IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE OPERATIONAL MODALITIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF SUCH AN AGENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH LOCAL CONDITIONS.

4. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY WISH TO USE THE VISIT OF AMBASSADOR VANCE AS THE OCCASION TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH THE DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER ON MARCH 28.

5. FYI: IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN THAT AT CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON APRIL 8 QUESTION OF OUR EFFORTS TO SECURE DEA PRESENCE IN BURMA WILL BE PRESSED BY REP. WOLFF. ENDFYI. KISSINGER

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